# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:15
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TELEPHONE LINES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the public representatives for increasing the number of telephone lines or installing new lines in Maharashtra particularly in Pune;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any meeting was held with local MPs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the progress made so far in this direction?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The public representatives such as Hon`ble MPs/MLAs etc were demanding to provide telephones to the wait listed persons. Maharashtra Telecom Circle has planned to add 800 new exchanges and 6,00,000 Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) for the year 2000-2001. The target for Pune is 84,300 lines and 64 New Exchanges.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A meeting of Hon`ble MPs of Maharashtra and Goa was held with Hon`ble MOC at Delhi on 11th April, 2000. Another meeting of Hon`ble MPs of Vidarbha areas was held at Nagpur with Hon`ble MOC on 5th October, 2000Principal General manager (PGM) Pune Telecom held three meetings with Hon`ble MP of Pune constituency.Apart from this 79 numbers of meeting were conducted by various Secondary Switching Areas of Maharashtra circle.

As on 31st October, 2000 in Maharashtra 1,62,844 lines have been provided and 239 New Exchanges have been opened.Out of this 26,043 lines and 9 New Exchanges have been opened in Pune.